Förster-type Nonradiative Energy Transfer for Assemblies of Arrayed Nanostructures: Confinement Dimension vs. Stacking Dimension

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